

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ZONING TASKFORCE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2007
(Approved February 26, 2007)

The Board of Supervisors held a Zoning Task Force Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007. Present for the meeting were supervisors W. Atlee Rinehart, John Doering, Jr. Robert F. Preston, and Rosemarie C. Miller. Also in attendance was Township Planner Wayne Grafton of The Grafton Association. Timothy Roland was not present. Fourteen (14) members of the public were present.

An executive session was held from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to discuss sewer easements and litigation.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

2. ZONING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION/ZONING MAP DISCUSSION

Mr. Grafton distributed the existing zoning map overlaid with the sewer service area and the water service area. The third map which was distributed was a map depicting all areas which were identified at the previous meeting itemizing all suggested changes.

Mr. Walter Woessner, Planning Commission Vice Chairman, and Mr. Preston discussed the issue of fair share and the regional plan. Mr. Grafton suggested that the issue of fair share should be discussed further but after we review the amendment proposed in the discussions to date. The Board then decided to review the proposed map amendments.

Mr. Grafton proceeded to review the changes to the map with the Board. All proposed changes were then reviewed and considered by the Board. Much public and Board discussion ensued. Mr. Grafton was asked to review the Commercial and Industrial Districts to remove flexibly for other uses.

Mr. Grafton will prepare a proposed, amended zoning map for the Board for further review.

In other business, the 2006 PennDot Usage and Project Completion Report was authorized to be signed with signatures from a majority of the Supervisors. Mr. Doering moved to sign the report with direction to the Township Manager to have the report independently checked. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Doering moved to contract with Gannett Fleming for an amount not to exceed \$6,200 to review the North Coventry Treatment Plant Allocation Evaluation. Mr. Preston amended the motion that the money be taken from the Sewer Fund. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Woessner asked when the Board would make a decision about an alternate township engineer. The Board indicated that they are in the process of reviewing the engineers and that an alternate engineer would be forthcoming. The Board is considering, LTL, Hanover Engineering, Carroll Engineering and Schoor DePalma. The Board requested that a 90-day extension on the Painter Subdivision be sought.

Mr. Andrew Smith of 432 Spiece Road wanted to know how far off Spiece Road requires tie-in to the sewer. Mr. Preston said the Board has decided 150' of any portion of the house to the sewer line requires a tie-in. Consideration of going of 200' is under consideration. Mr. Smith would like it to stay 150', he also wanted to know when sewers are expected. The Board estimated a May-September, 2009 completion date. Additionally, he inquired whether loans were available. It was said that banks will be brought in to meet with affected homeowners.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Doering moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

John Doering, Jr.
Township Secretary